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1. On 24 July 1953, 30 railroad cars carrying 700 KVPs wearing blue or black collar patches arrived in Weisswasser. The troops who allegedly came from Weimar were unloaded and trucked to Camp Nochten. They had no heavy armament. They relieved personnel who came from Erfurt about two weeks ago and returned there. In about early July, the cadre unit station at the camp was reinforced by 200 troops who allegedly came from Loebau.<sup>1</sup>
2. From 13 to 26 July, about 50 armored vehicles including T-34 tanks, SU-100s, and SP guns of 76 mm caliber as well as 8 SIS-3 model 42 field guns of 76 mm caliber and 4 model 42 45-mm AT guns were stationed at the camp and the troop training grounds. Soldiers stated that these weapons would remain at the troop training grounds and serve to train units rotated there for periods of about two weeks. During the period of exchange of the units, the cadre personnel performed repair and maintenance work on the weapons.<sup>2</sup>

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4. At about 6 p.m. on 22 July, a train consisting of 12 boxcars each occupied by about 30 KVPs who wore yellow-bordered epaulets and black collar patches or red-bordered epaulets and red collar patches was sidetracked in Weisswasser, coming from the direction of Cottbus. Trucks [redacted] shipped supply to the train from Camp Nochten. The train proceeded toward Goerlitz at about 8 p.m. on 23 July.

5. On 23 July, resident stated that about 1,000 KVPs who allegedly had no large weapons arrived in Uhyst.<sup>3</sup>

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7. During the night on 24 July, eight tanks arrived in Nochten, a forester stated. They crossed the woods from the direction of Spremberg.<sup>4</sup>

8. At 5 a.m. on 25 July, a train consisting of 15 boxcars each occupied by about 30 troops wearing yellow-bordered epaulets and black collar patches or red-bordered epaulets and black collar patches and of 4 flatcars with sideracks carrying ZIS AT guns of 57 mm caliber and of additional 2 boxcars loaded with boxes, about 30 x 40 cm, and baggage was unloaded in Weisswasser. The train came from Chemnitz via Cottbus. The guns and the baggage were transported toward Nochten by trucks

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9. On 22 and 23 July, eight T 34/85 tanks [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] were seen engaged in driving training in Jagen (forest section) [redacted] A major wearing yellow-bordered epaulets and black collar patches, and two senior lieutenants wearing red-bordered epaulets and 25X1C black collar patches, [redacted] watched the training. Each about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered epaulets and black collar patches and yellow-bordered epaulets and black collar patches practiced firing with live ammunition, with heavy machine guns, with light machine guns and rifles at the infantry training grounds on 22 and 23 July. They fired in firing ranges or in the terrain. Trucks [redacted] each carrying a field kitchen hauled food from Camp Nochten. 25X1A

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10. On 25 July, training with live ammunition was performed at the troop training grounds. From 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., red and green Very signal lights were seen at intervals in the area of the infantry training grounds.

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25X1A. [ ] Comment. The relieving troops probably did not come from Weimar where only the KVP interpreter school is located. The units probably belong [ ] in Leipzig.

25X1A<sup>2</sup>. [ ] Comment. This is unusual with the Soviets who generally take their weapons with them to the troop training grounds.

25X1A<sup>3</sup>. [ ] Comment. Uhyst had already been used as unloading and loading station during the Soviet occupation of the Wuiswasser troop training grounds.

25X14. [ ] Comment. These tanks are believed to belong to the tank regiment [ ] in Spremberg.

25X1A<sup>5</sup>. [ ] Comment. In early July 1953, the infantry unit stationed in Laerenstein transferred to Chemnitz and Marienberg, another source stated. The units observed possibly belonged to this infantry unit.

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